GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE BLOOD BANK
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Private Blood Banks are not adhering to the norms laid down by the National AIDS Control Organisation;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to stop giving licenses to Private Blood Banks in the country in view of curtailing the AIDS Virus;

(c) whether any directions have been issued to State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) All the blood banks, including Private Blood Banks, require a license to operate.Under Drugs and Cosmetics Rules certain norms have been laid down for blood banks which include facilities for mandatory testing for Transfusion Transmissible Infections (e.g. HIV which causes AIDS). Only those Blood Banks adhering to these norms are issued with a license.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.